

Main Meeting House  
In center of town, in block N. of  
State Rte. 220  
Amana  
Iowa County  
Iowa

HABS No. IA-84

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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STATE IOWA	COUNTY IOWA	TOWN OR VICINITY AMANA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MAIN MEETING HOUSE		HABS NO. IA-B4
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) In center of town, in block N. of State Rte. 220.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Built after mid-19th century.	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Located in one of seven villages on land purchased in the 1850s and 1860s by the community of True Inspiration, a German Pietist group, this structure is one element in the sect's unique communal life style. Amana villages were America's most successful and long lasting religious utopian experiment..		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Constructed of irregular brown ashlar with small clapboard portions at each end.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in plan, this structure is fourteen bays in the central portion and stands one-and-a-half stories high.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Small pedimented dormers surmount the gable roof. The fenestration is composed of nine-over-nine-light windows.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Unknown		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I., <u>The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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